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Annapolis Environmental Commission

November 5, 2014

The Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC) held its regular meeting on November 5, 2014 at 145 Gorman Street, Conference Room 3. **Chair** Riegel called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Present: **Chair** Riegel, **Vice Chair** Kissel, Butler, Weber, Pogell, Murphy, O'Leary

Absent: Kiraly, Buchheister

Staff Present: Broadbent, Biba, Waters

Guest: Phil Favero, Wilfred Candler, Mike Haberman, Anne Bastian, Liz Vanden Heuvel

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/VISITOR INTRODUCTION

Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis (CSGA)

Mr. Favero provided a handout titled "Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis: Mission Statement" and pointed out that the CSGA's mission is to learn about science values and methods of conservation; engage in and facilitate discussions about climate change; build cooperative relationships; and influence policies at the local, state and national levels. He explained that the CSGA meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at the Annapolis Friends Meeting House on Dubois Road. The CSGA hosts educational forums and went over some of the upcoming events. The January program will include feedback from the City and County on the reports and as part of the February program, CSGA is looking for a speaker to speak on OSHA and bay acidification.

Mr. Candler gave a presentation on climate changes discussing the issue global warming. He went over ice core data and what constitutes a safe level of global warming. He noted that CSGA advocates a fee and dividend program that is a national program that would place a tax on fossil fuels. The revenue generated from this program would be equally returned to the citizens as an energy dividend despite the amount of fossil fuel used. He expressed interest in determining what to advocate for at the City of Annapolis level specifically something that other cities could model.

Mr. Favero provided a listing of local government climate change policies, programs and resources and went over standards for preparing for carbon pollution. The CSGA would like to engage with the AEC or a subcommittee to discuss carbon pollution and policy options. **Chair** Riegel suggested the AEC's Energy subcommittee and both Mr. Weber as well as Mr. Murphy agreed to meet with him.

IV. REGULAR BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

A. Approval of Prior Minutes

October 1, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Butler moved approval of the October 1, 2014 meeting minutes as amended. **Vice Chair** Kissel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0. (Weber abstained from the vote)

B. Committees

1. Water Quality: Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

The AEC deferred the TMDL discussion to its December 3, 2014 meeting.

2. Water Quality No Discharge Zone (NDZ)

Chair Riegel provided a copy of the draft language for the NDZ resolution and ask for comments. A discussion ensued and Ms. Pogell expressed concern regarding the effectiveness of the collection of waste. **Chair** Riegel agrees that it is something that needs to be addressed. The City needs to determine if water quality has degraded to a point where it requires action; to determine the demand for pump out services and what capacity is needed to meet the demand. Mr. Weber suggested including initiating regular inspections of pump outs to ensure that they are correctly operating. AEC was encouraged to wordsmith the document and to send any changes to him.

Vice Chair Kissel moved to approve the resolution with any additional comments. Ms. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

3. Development

a. Reserve at Quiet Waters Appeals

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

b. Crystal Spring Update

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c. Thomas Woods

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d. Primrose Hill on Milkshake Lane

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e. Rodgers Property (Bembe Beach Road)

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f. The Enclave at Spa Road

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g. Hayes Annexation Property

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h. Rocky Gorge

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i. Griscom Square

Mr. Biba noted that the development report includes the addition of the Griscom Square project that began in 2005 and was subject to tolling. The project is a subdivision at the corner of Tyler Avenue and Bay Ridge Avenue.

Forest Conservation Act Ordinance

Chair Riegel asked about the status of the FCA ordinance. Mr. Biba explained Alderwoman Finlayson introduced a version prior to the elections that was tabled and Alderman Littman will be introducing his version in the near future. **Chair** Riegel agreed to contact Alderman Littman to ensure that AEC has an opportunity to comment.

4. Renewable Energy

Mr. Murphy noted that there has been little movement on the propane issue however added there is some interest from the commercial market for the propane. He also noted that a large parcel of land is needed for the solar panels for the water treatment plant.

5. Outreach/Recycling

Mr. O'Leary will be sending out a November newsletter so asked for some content. He updated the AEC regarding the request to include bios on the website and reminded those who were interested to please send it so that it can be included.

VI DNEP Report

Ms. Broadbent agreed to send photographs of the Spa Creek rain garden plantings to Mr. O'Leary to include on the website. She noted that the fuel canopy at the Spa Road City facility should be installed soon and explained that this is a grant project intended to keep the water from interacting with the fuel.

IV. New Business

Water Treatment Tour Date

In response to an inquiry for regarding an appropriate time for the water treatment tour, the AEC indicated that 9:00am or 2:00pm would be a good time.

Elections

Chair Riegel's term as Chair is expiring so the AEC should consider a replacement.

Annual Report

Chair Riegel will use the 2014 minutes to create the year-end report for AEC to review. Ms. Broadbent noted that Ms. Bierman is responsible for managing appointment of members to the Boards/Commissions and Cyndi Gaines will be supporting the Council meeting. There were concerns regarding posting agendas and Mr. Broadbent agreed to check on who is responsible for posting agenda. Ms. Raftovich is now the Deputy City Clerk.

Interns

Mr. Murphy asked if an intern would be allowed to sit in some of the AEC meetings and discussed a canvass boat cover opportunity to replace the shrink-wrap that is currently used.

V. Adjournment

The next AEC meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2014 at 7:00pm at 145 Gorman Street. With there being no further business, Ms. Butler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm. Ms. Pogell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 8-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder